(c) The export targets are fixed on a year to year basis. No specific export targets have been fixed for being acheived by the turn of the century. Government have been taking a number of steps to increase our textile exports which include encouraging exporters to participate in buyerseller mets, fairs and exhibitions; enabling import of capital goods at concessional duty for export production; special arrangement for duty-free import of raw materials for export production; ensuring increased availability of export credit etc.

Appointment of Banking Ombudsman

*166. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Banking Ombudsmen appointed so far in the country; and

(b) the number of complaints/issues settled/resolved by each till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEVIPROSAD PAL): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have so far appointed Banking Ombudsmen at eight centres in the country.

(b) According to RBI, the number of complaints/issues settled/resolved by each of the Ombudsmen (as on 31.12.95) are as under:—

Sl. No.	Centre	No. of complaints Recd.	No. of complaints not maintainable	No. of issues actually dealt with	No. of complaints settled	No. of complaints pending
1.	Bombay	378	227	151	107	44
2.	Bhopal	242	100	142	69	73
3.	New Delhi	279	136	143	107	36
4.	Bangalore	177	86	91	59	32
5.	Chandigarh	184	102	82	42	40
6.	Hyderabad	70	38	32	11	21
7.	Patna	16	5	11	1	10
8.	Jaipur*	—	—	—	—	—

*Office set up on 15.1.96

Agreement on Ad-Hoc Treasury Bills

*167. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the agreement between Government and the Reserve Bank of India about the Ad-hoc Treasury Bills has been implemented;

(b) whether there were any deviations from the agreement during last year and if so, on how many occasions and to what extent; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to see that there were no further deviations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) The agreement between Government of India and the Reserve Bank of India on ad-hoc Treasury Bills come into effect on 9th September, 1994.

(b) There were no deviations from the agreement last year that is, 1994-95.

(c) Government will endeavour to restrict the issue of ad-hoc Treasury Bills at the agreed levels by maximising revenues and controlling expenditure.

Debt to Global Creditors

*168. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every Indian owes Rs. 4000/- to global creditors;

(b) if so, the total amount paid annually to the global creditors in the form of interest and principal; and

(c) the quantum of loan and annual interest payable to domestic creditors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL): (a) The per capita external debt calculated on the basis of total external debt on 31.3.95 and provisional estimate of population on 1.3.95 works out at Rs. 3424.

(b) As per the latest estimates available, principal repayment on external debt in 1994-95 was USD 6808 million and interest payment was USD 4130 million.

(c) The total internal debt and other liabilities of the Government of India upto the end of 1995-96 financial year is estimated at Rs. 552744 crores (Revised Estimates). The interest payment during 1995-96 is estimated at Rs. 47101 crores (Revised Estimates).

Rise in Nylon Price

*169. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state: (a) whether Government are aware of the abnormal rise in nylon prices which is seriously affecting the powerloom weavers of nylon filament yarn in the country,

(b) if so, what is the percentage of rise in the nylon prices during the last six months;

(c) the reasons for the steep rise in the prices of nylon; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to tackle the situation?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) The weighted average price of certain popular deniers of Nylon Filament yarn during the period August, 1995 to March, 1996. (2.3.1996) has increased by 34.7 per cent.

(c) and (d) Government does not excercise any statutory control on the prices of man-made fibres/yarns including Nylon Filament Yarn. The prices of these items are mainly governed by market forces of demand and supply.

Restructuring of State Electricity Boards

*170. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state: (a) whether Government propose to restructure the State Electricity Boards with World Bank assistance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) to what extent the performance of SEBs would improve as a result thereof; and

(d) the details of assistance Government propose to make for the same?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE): (a) and (b) World Bank has sanctioned a loan of US $ 2